

## **Press Release**

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## U.S. Embassy Launches Virtual Library for U.S.-Peru Bi-National Centers

LIMA, OCTOBER 13, 2011 – U.S. Ambassador to Peru Rose M. Likins today visited the Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano (ICPNA) in Miraflores to launch eLibraryUSA, a comprehensive digital library that will dramatically advance the educational quality and impact of the U.S.-Peru Bi-National Centers (BNCs) throughout Peru. Percy Canales Manzanilla, Director General of ICPNA-Miraflores also delivered remarks at the ceremony. A worldwide project of the U.S. Department of State, eLibraryUSA makes available digital resources containing thousands of academic journals, eBooks and other educational multimedia content, mostly in English. Peruvian students, teachers and researchers will be able to access the collection at Peru's 23 BNC centers and affiliates. In addition, individuals may access the collection by requesting usernames from the Information Resource Center at the U.S. Embassy.

The U.S. Department of State invested US\$1 million to secure access to the collection for U.S.-supported educational and cultural centers around the world. The information is oriented to support the work of students, teachers and researchers. The collection includes information on science, technology, health, social sciences, literature, economics, business administration and English learning as well as history, culture and current events in the United States.

Interested parties can learn more about eLibraryUSA by visiting the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center website at <a href="http://lima.usembassy.gov/irc.html">http://lima.usembassy.gov/irc.html</a> or by emailing <a href="maircdirector@state.gov">Limaircdirector@state.gov</a>.